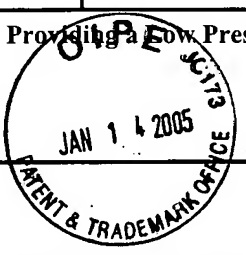

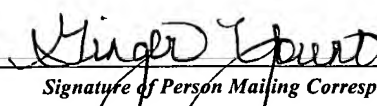
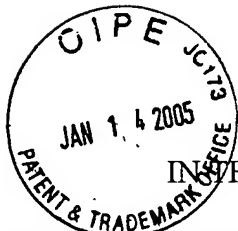


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				<b>Docket No.</b> 22.1434DIV1 (SHL.0141D1US)	
Applicant(s): Ashley B. Johnson et al.					
Application No. 10/776,997	Filing Date 02-11-2004	Examiner Hoang C. Dang	Customer No. 21906	Group Art Unit 3672	Confirmation No. 4207
Invention: Providing a Low Pressure Condition in a Wellbore Region					
 <b>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 12, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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